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LOK SABHA

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REMOVAL OF NOVEL FROM CBSE SYLLABUS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria for selecting literary works to be included in the school syllabus;

(b) whether the CBSE has decided to remove the novel by the legendary litterateur Premchand from the class XII syllabus; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA)

(a) As per the information received from Central Boardof Secondary Education (CBSE), the textual/support material for various subjects are considered and selected by the concerned Subject Committee of courses.

(b) The CBSEhas provided an alternate to 'Nirmala' by Premchand in Hindi (elective) in class XIIfor the examination to be held in 2004 and has introduced 'Rangbhoomi' by Premchand for the March 2005 examinations.

(c) The revision of curriculum and textual/support materials is an on-going process..